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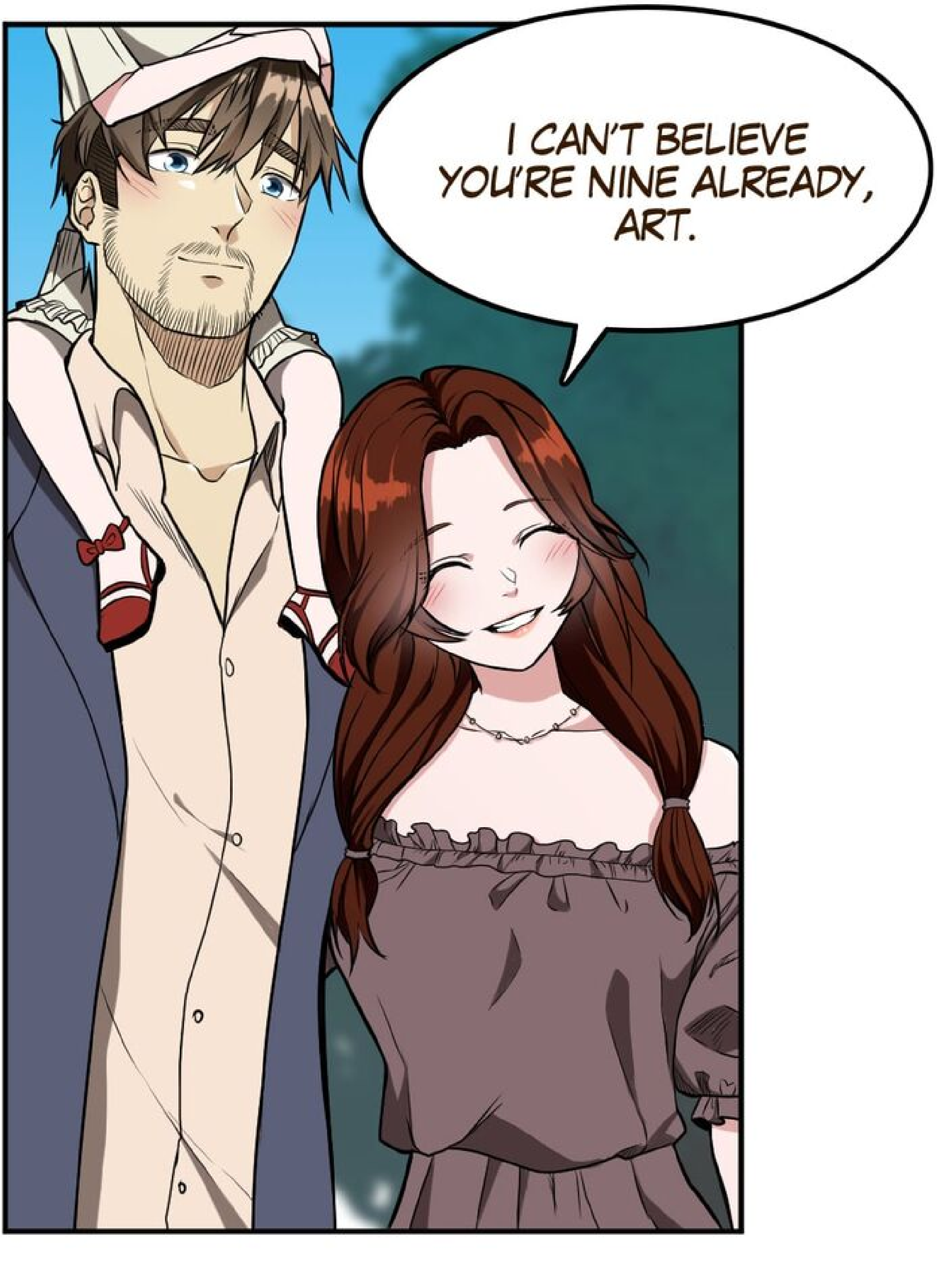
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
ARTHUR!

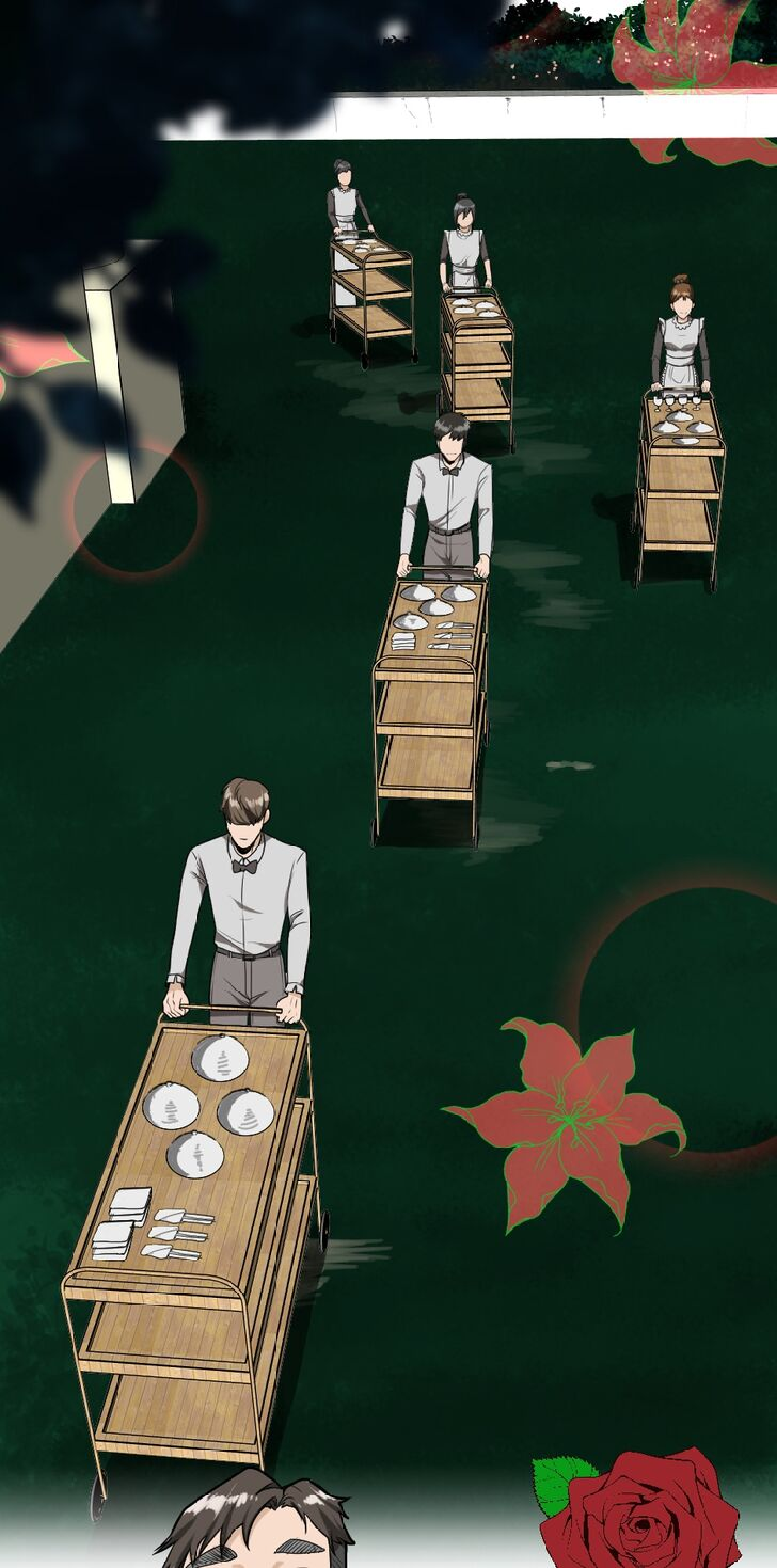
THANK YOU ALL
FOR BEARING WITH ME
FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

KYU!


I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE NINE ALREADY, ART.

NOW, NOW, ALICE.
NO REMINISCING UNTIL
AFTER OUR LITTLE
CELEBRATION.

CLAP!



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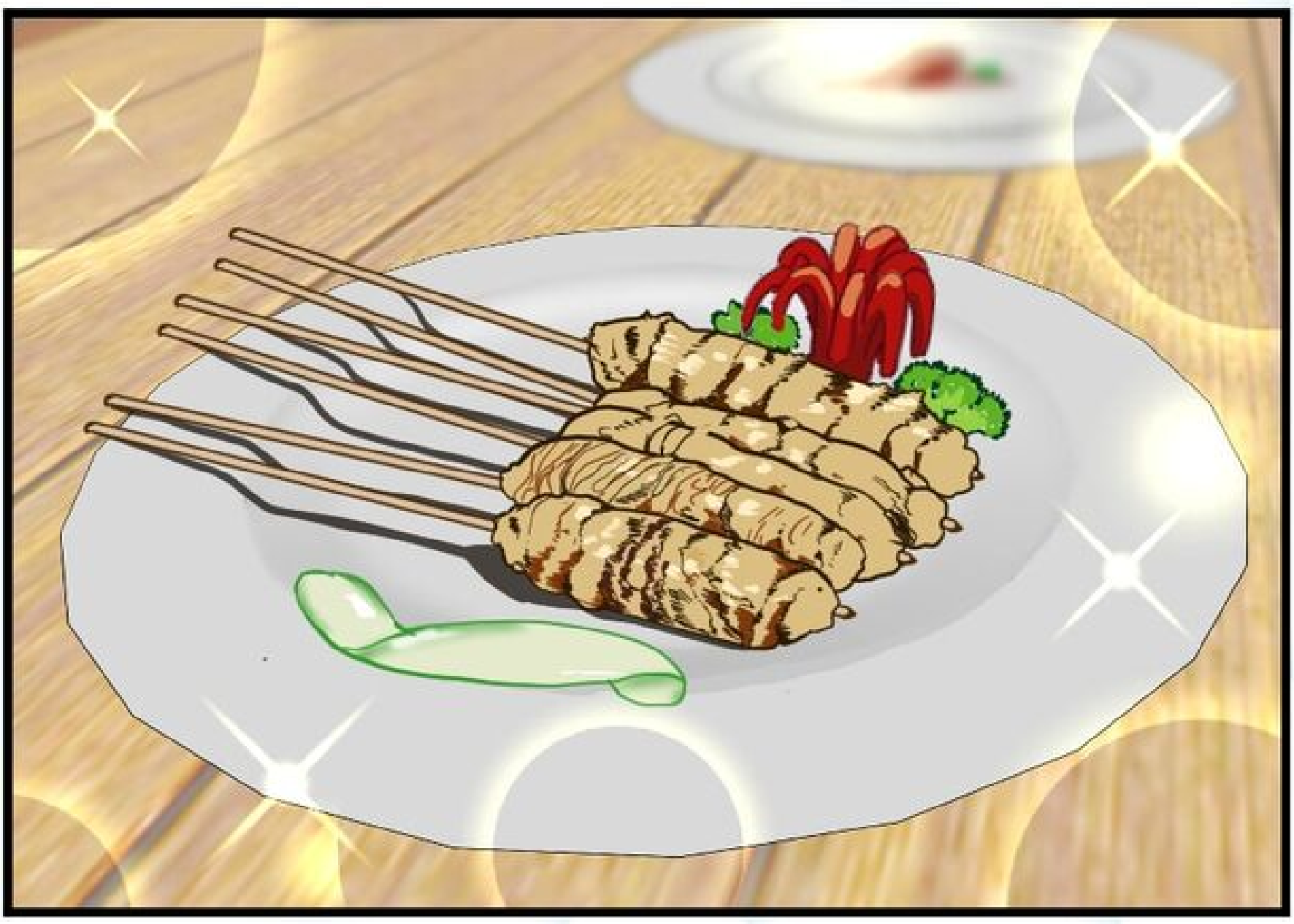


THIS ISN'T A MUSEUM.
GET YOUR HANDS IN THERE
AND LET'S EAT!

YOUR TURN, DURDY~

THUD!

REMEMBER THE TIME THE BACK OF YOUR PANTS CAUGHT ON FIRE AND YOU HAD TO GO BACK INTO TOWN COVERING YOUR OWN BARE ASS?

OH COME ON, MAN...

ADAM...

YOU SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN THE TIME A HORNED MOLE SNUCK UP RIGHT UNDER YOU WHILE YOU WERE RELIEVING YOURSELF IN A DUNGEON.

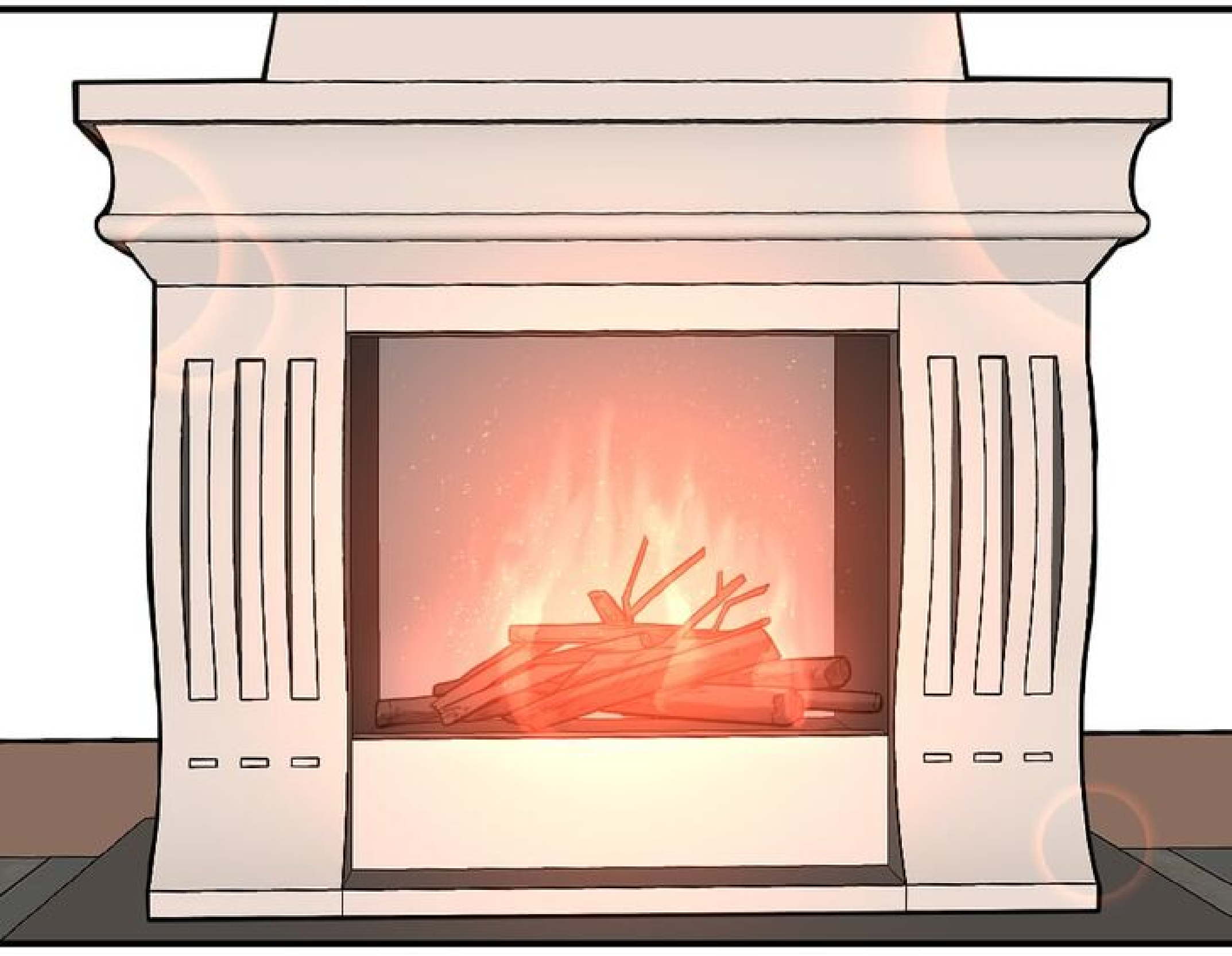
STAB

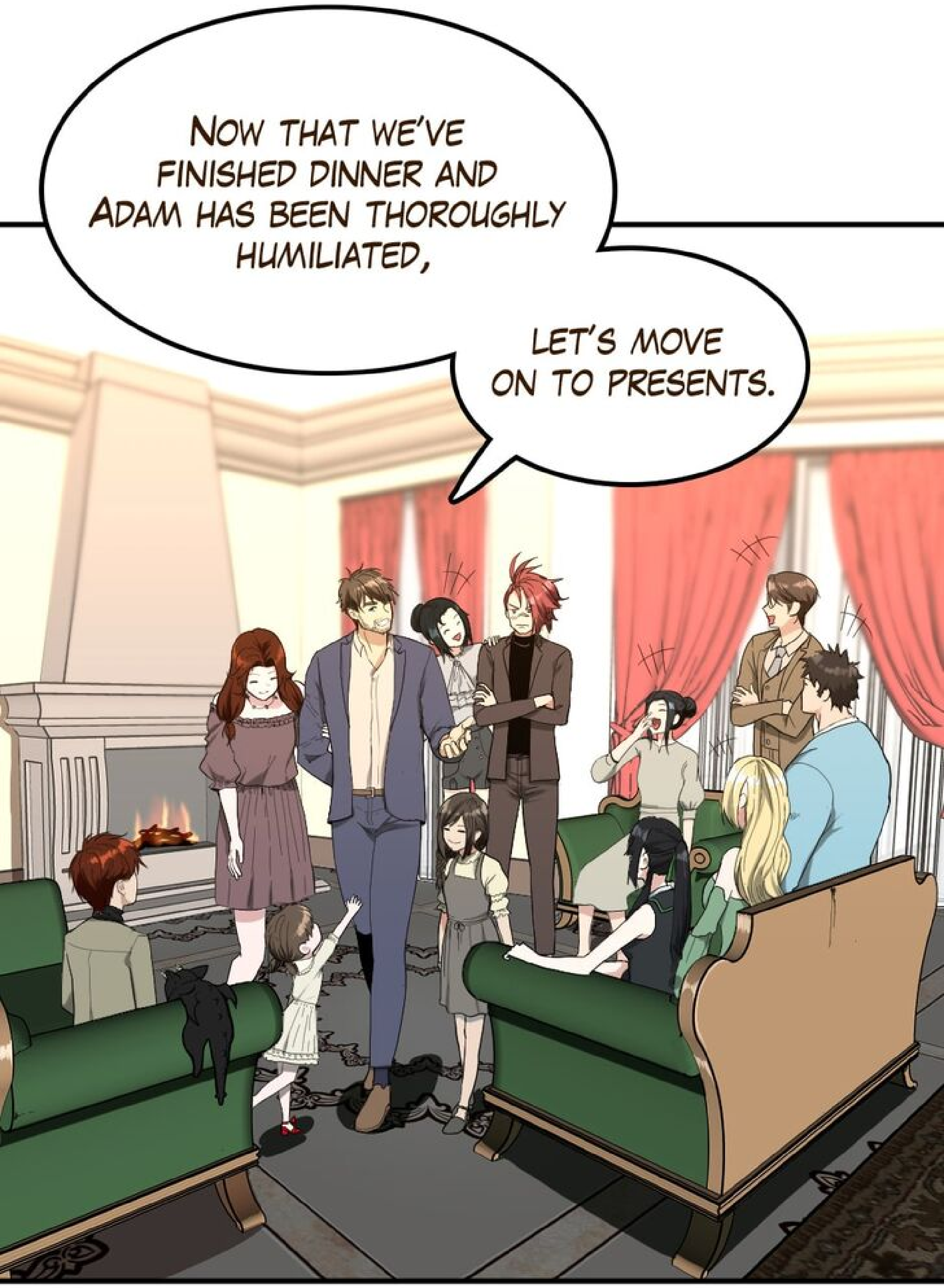
AS I RECALL,
YOU GOT SO SCARED,
YOU LANDED FLAT ON YOUR BACK,
PISSING ON YOURSELF LIKE
A FOUNTAIN.

HAHA HAHA HAHA HAHA HAHA HA

Y-Y-YOU!
I THOUGHT---

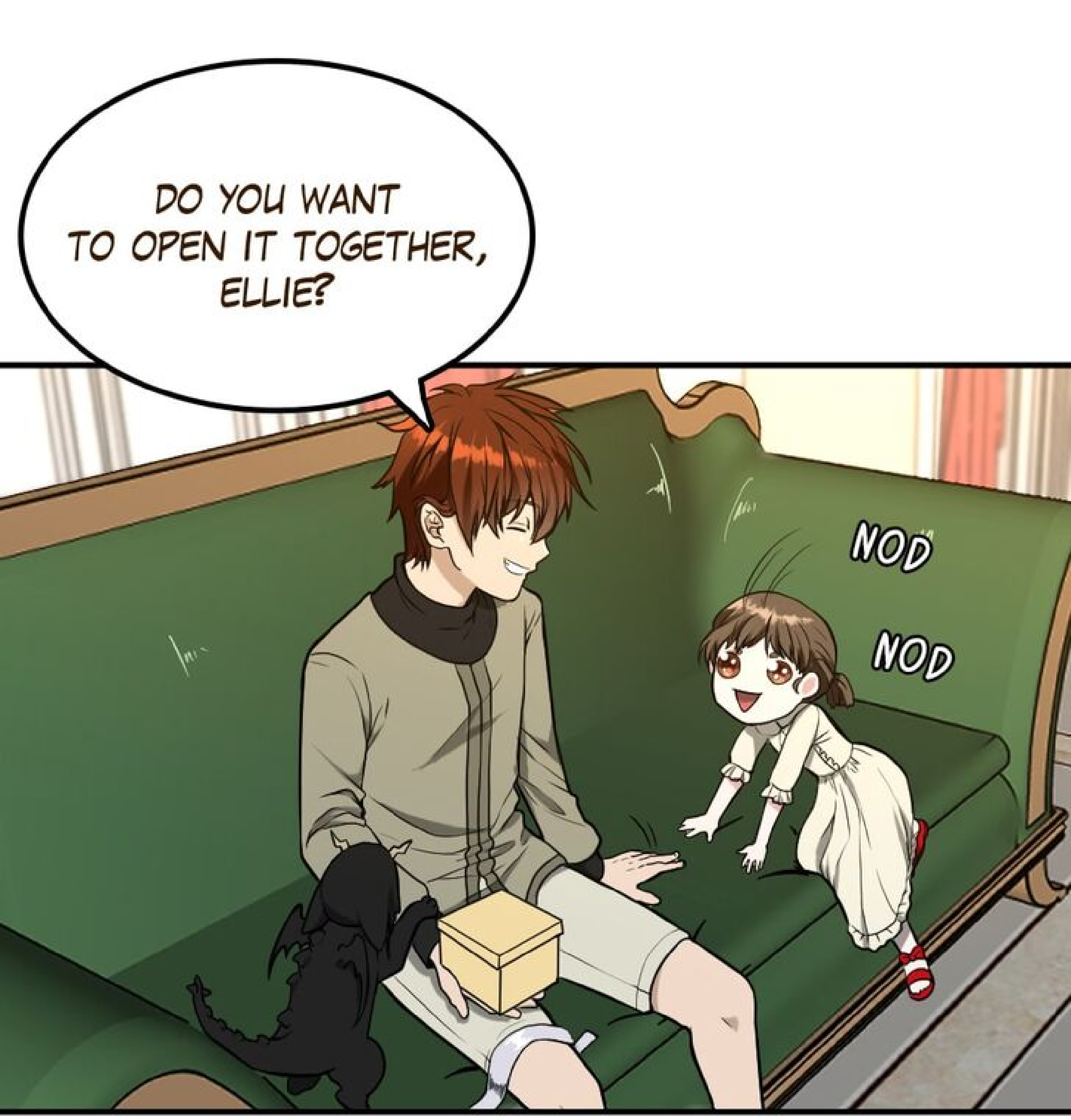
I THOUGHT E-EVERYONE
WAS ASLEEP!

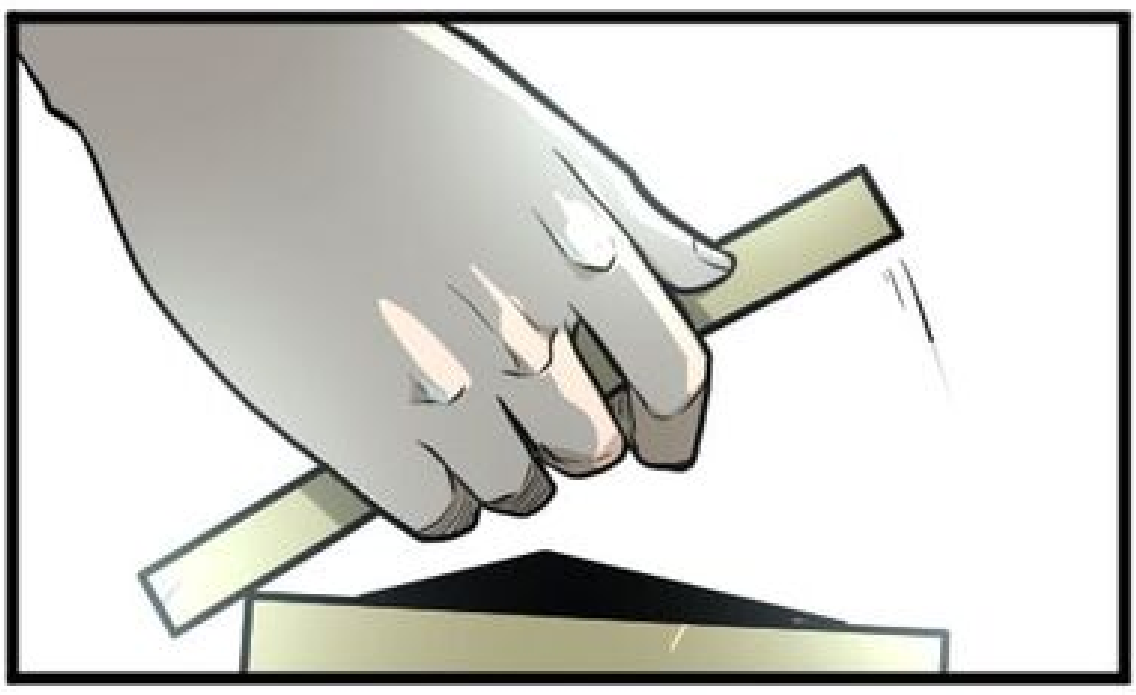



NOW THAT WE'VE FINISHED DINNER AND ADAM HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY HUMILIATED,
LET'S MOVE ON TO PRESENTS.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AGAIN, SON.
THIS IS FROM YOUR
MOTHER AND I.

AND ELLIE
TOO!!


DO YOU WANT TO OPEN IT TOGETHER, ELLIE?
NOD
NOD



WOAH!

THE LEATHER IS FROM A SPIKED AUROCHS YOUR FATHER HUNTED AND SKINNED HIMSELF. I IMBUED A MINOR HEALING SPELL INTO EACH OF THOSE THREE GEMS.

EACH GEM ONLY CARRIES A SINGLE-USE SPELL, BUT I FIGURED IT'D BE A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE SOME SAFETY MEASURES WHEN YOU GO OUT ON MISSIONS.

IT'S PERFECT!

I LOVE IT!
THANK YOU!

AHEM!
NEXT IS US.

ARTHUR...

OH MY..

HONEY!
STOP TEASING
THE BOY!

SLAP!

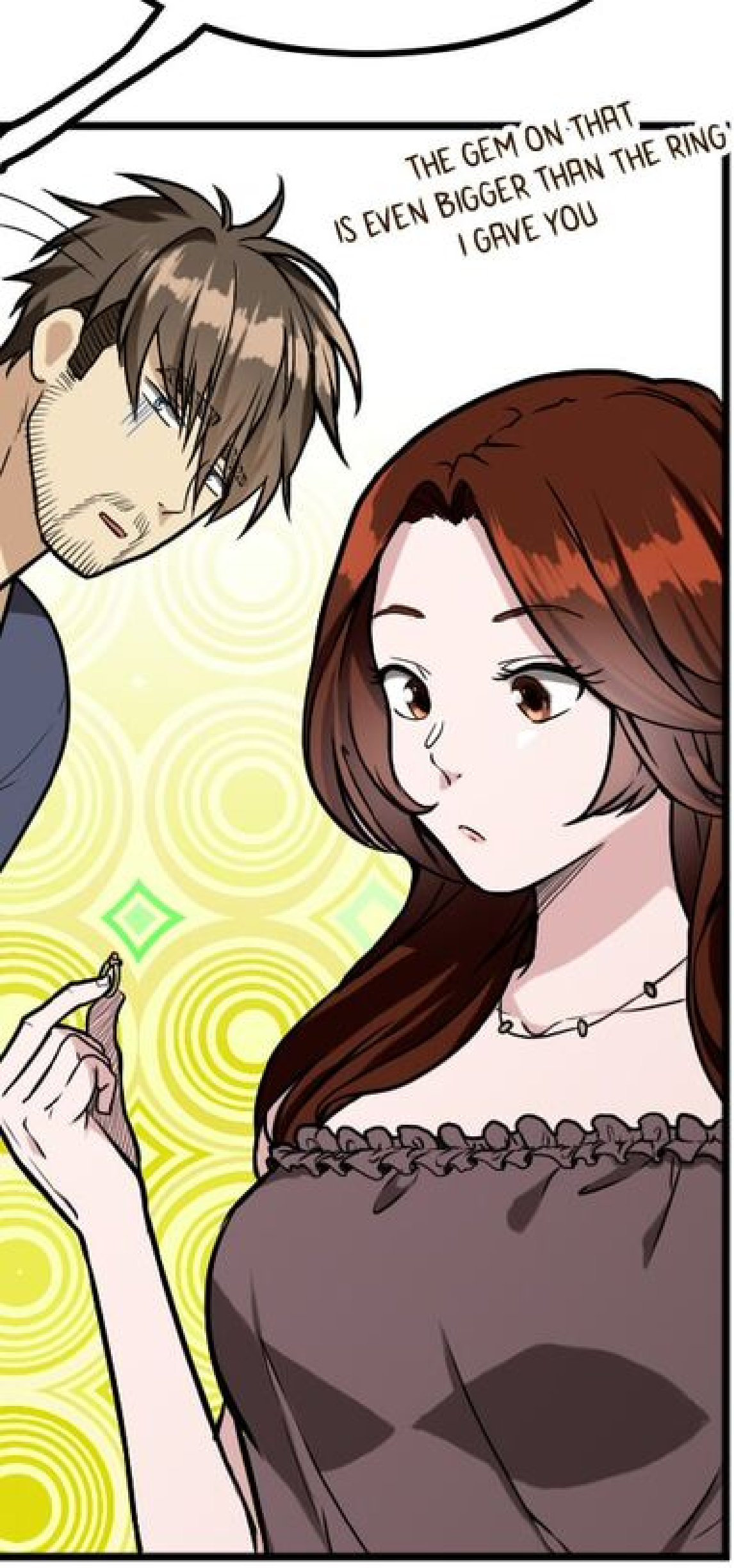
ALL RIGHT,
ALL RIGHT!

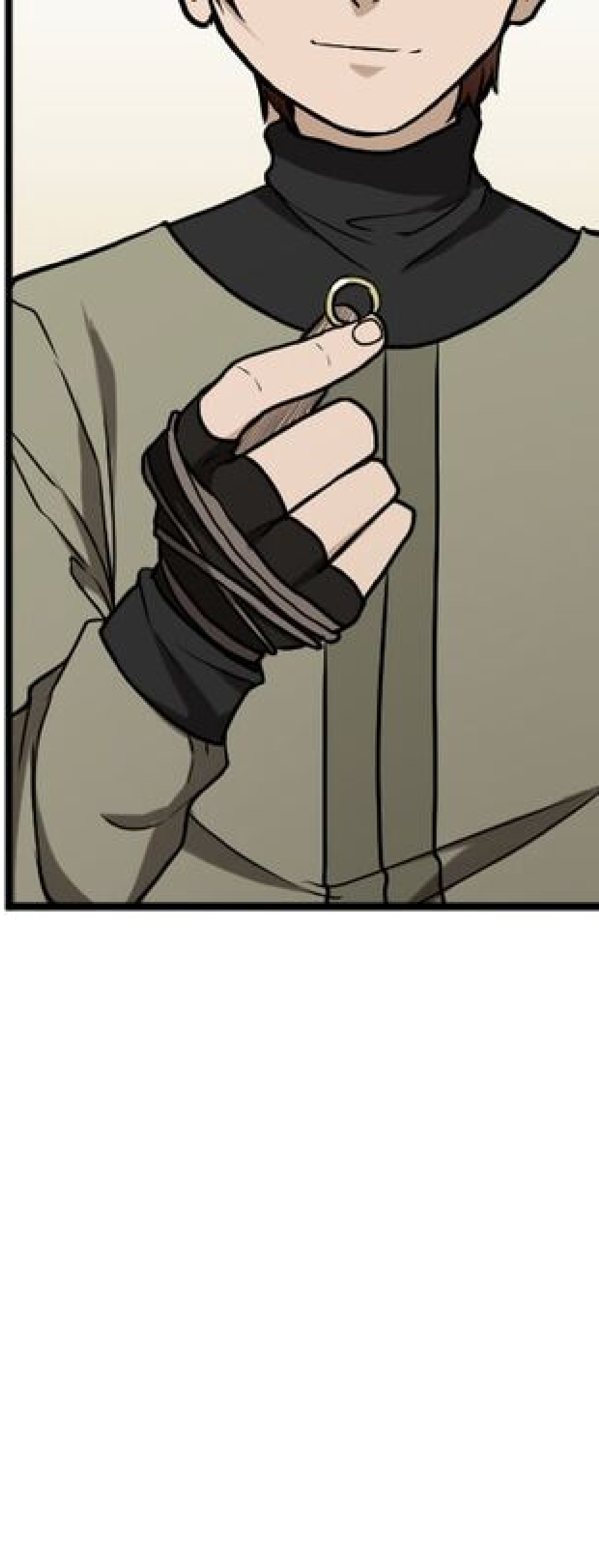
NOBODY AROUND
HERE APPRECIATES A LITTLE
SHOWMANSHIP!

ANYWAY...

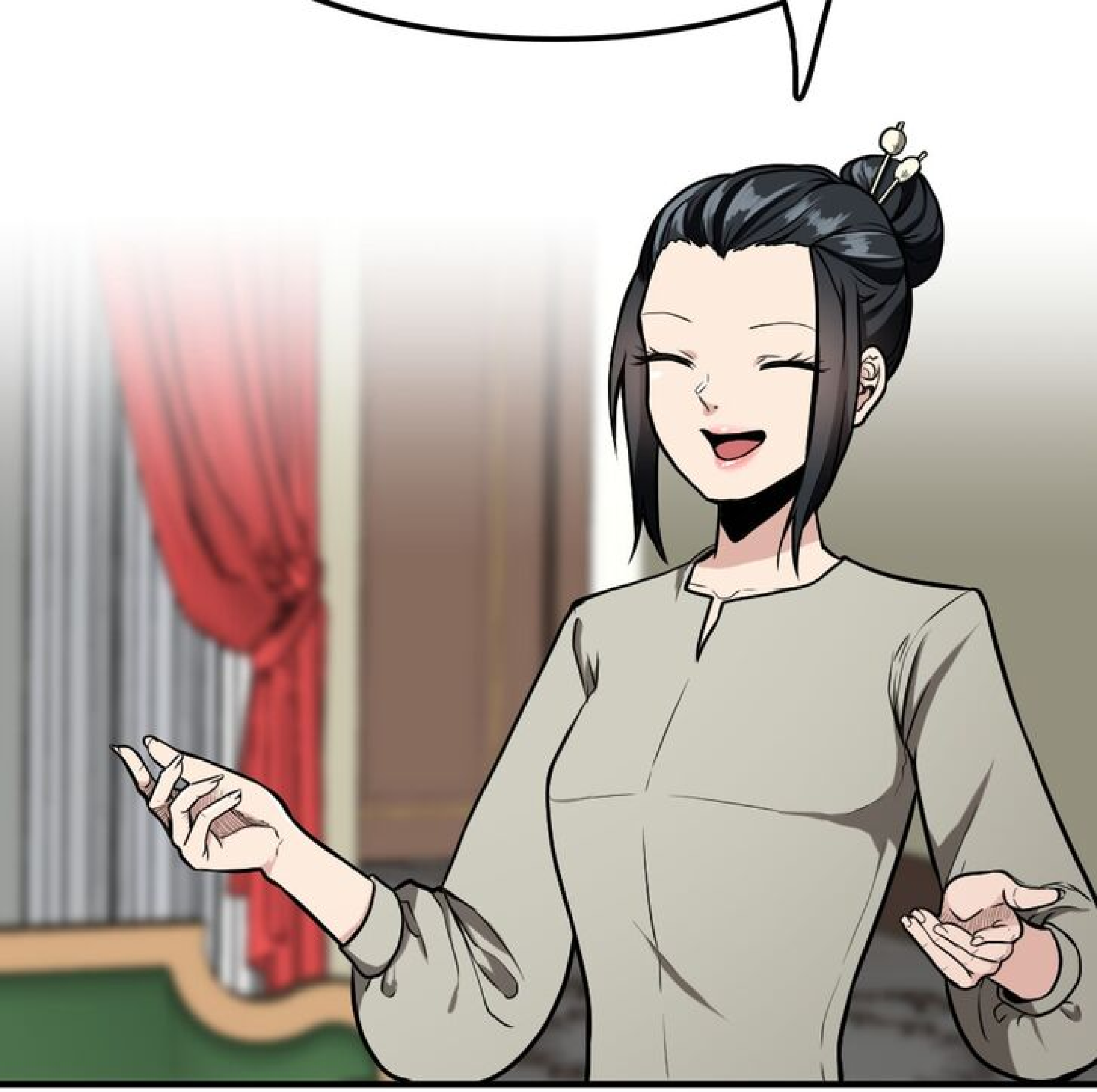
ARTHUR,
THIS ONE IS
FOR YOU...

WHILE THIS ONE
IS FOR YOU, ALICE.





AS LONG AS ARTHUR WEARS
HIS RING, ALICE, THE GEM ON
THE RING YOU HAVE WILL LIGHT UP IF
ARTHUR'S MANA LEVELS DROP DOWN
TO A DANGEROUS LEVEL.



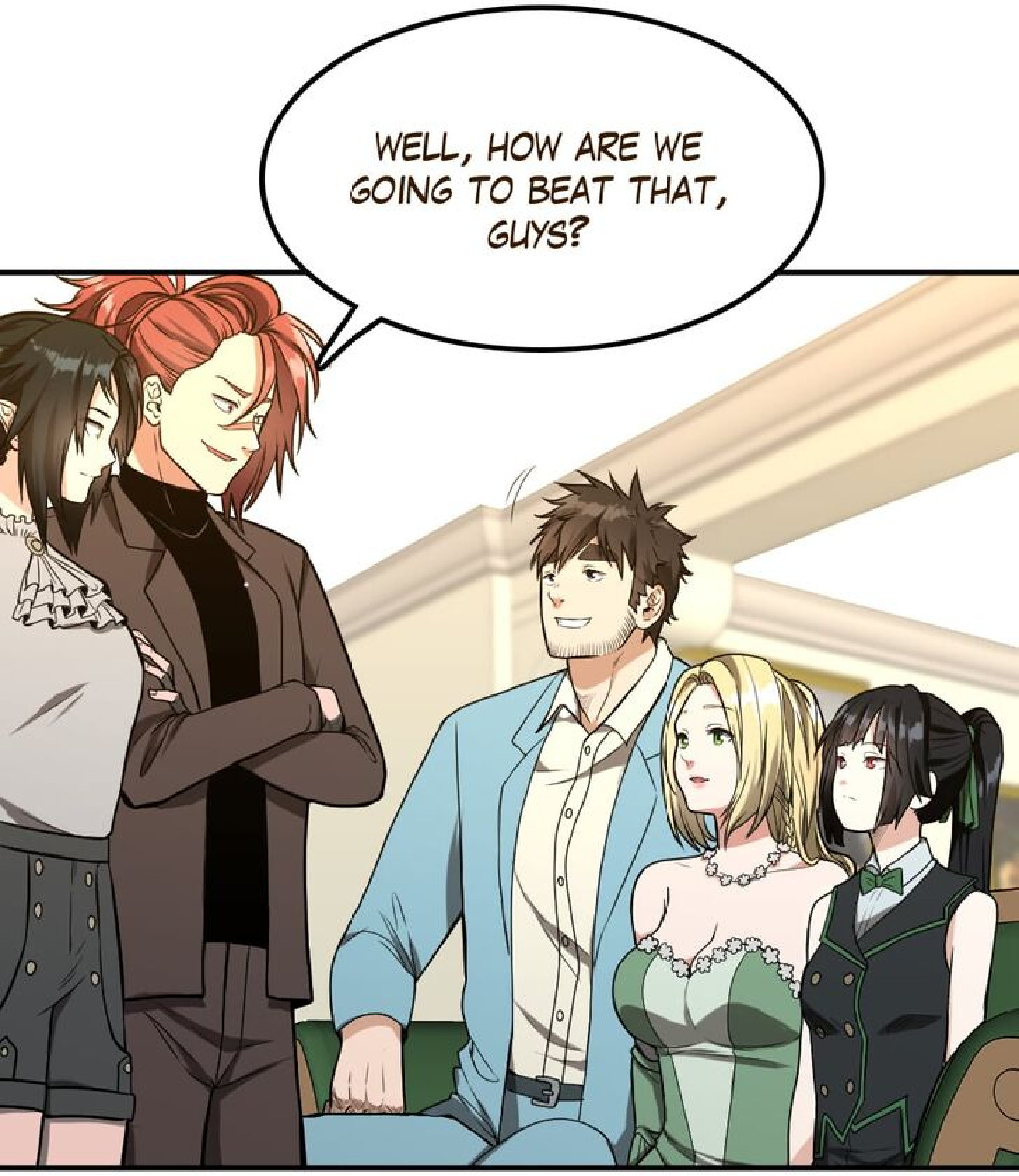
UNFORTUNATELY, THE RINGS CAN'T DO MUCH MORE THAN THAT, BUT WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BRING YOU SOME OF PEACE OF--

OH,
THANK YOU!

ALL OF YOU!
THANK YOU
SO MUCH.

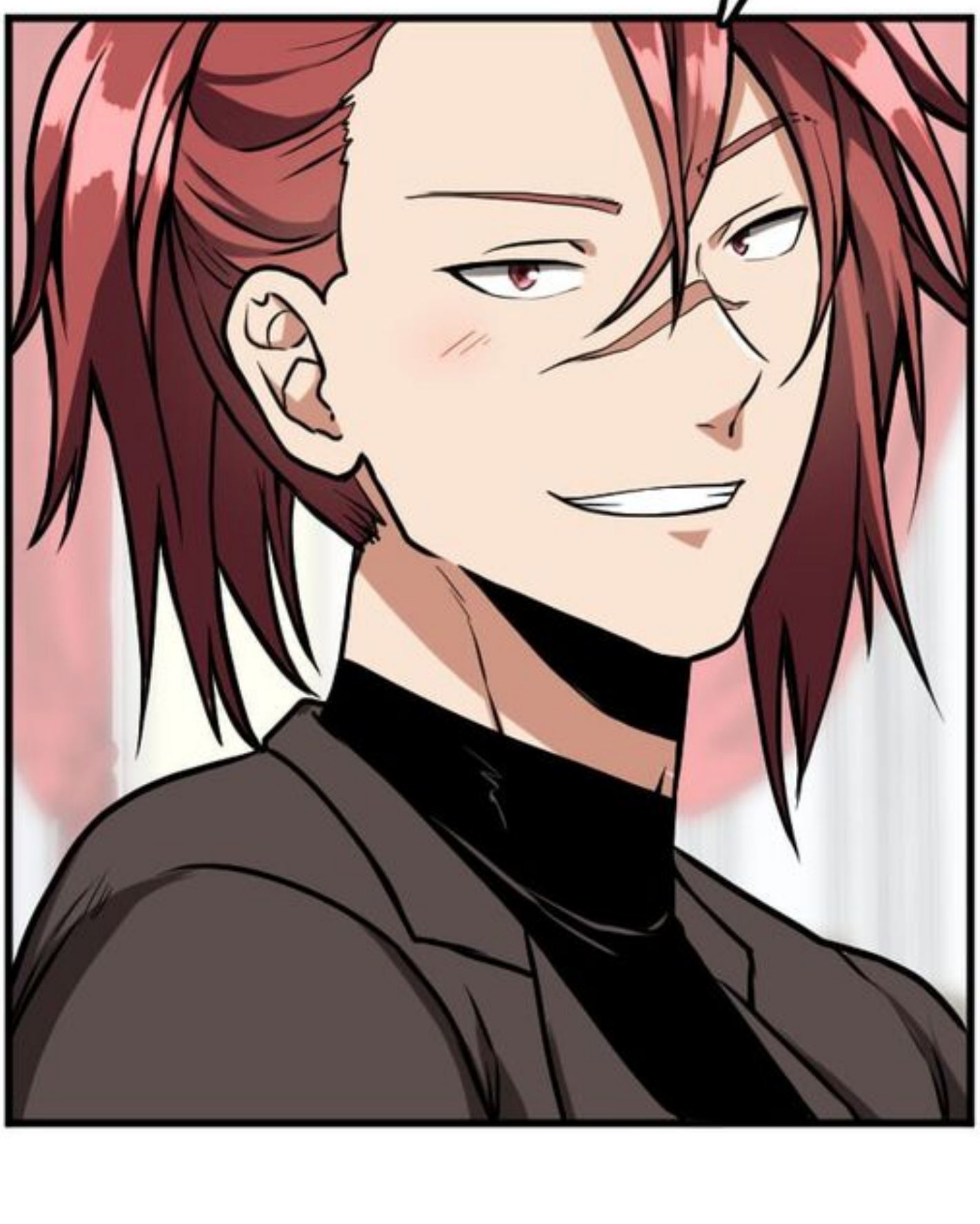
THIS RING SEEMS MORE LIKE A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD. ON THE ONE HAND, IT COULD FREE MY FAMILY FROM CONSTANTLY WORRYING ABOUT ME.

BUT IT COULD ALSO KEEP HER CONSTANTLY TENSE, WAITING FOR THE RING TO GO OFF.


WELL, HOW ARE WE GOING TO BEAT THAT, GUYS?

BECAUSE YOUR SON
IS SO FREAKISHLY STRONG
ALREADY,

WE ACTUALLY THOUGHT
ALONG THE SAME LINES AS
THE HELSTEA FAMILY.



SINCE THE LITTLE MONSTER
DOESN'T NEED ANYTHING,
WE THOUGHT THAT THE WHOLE FAMILY
WOULD APPRECIATE THIS!

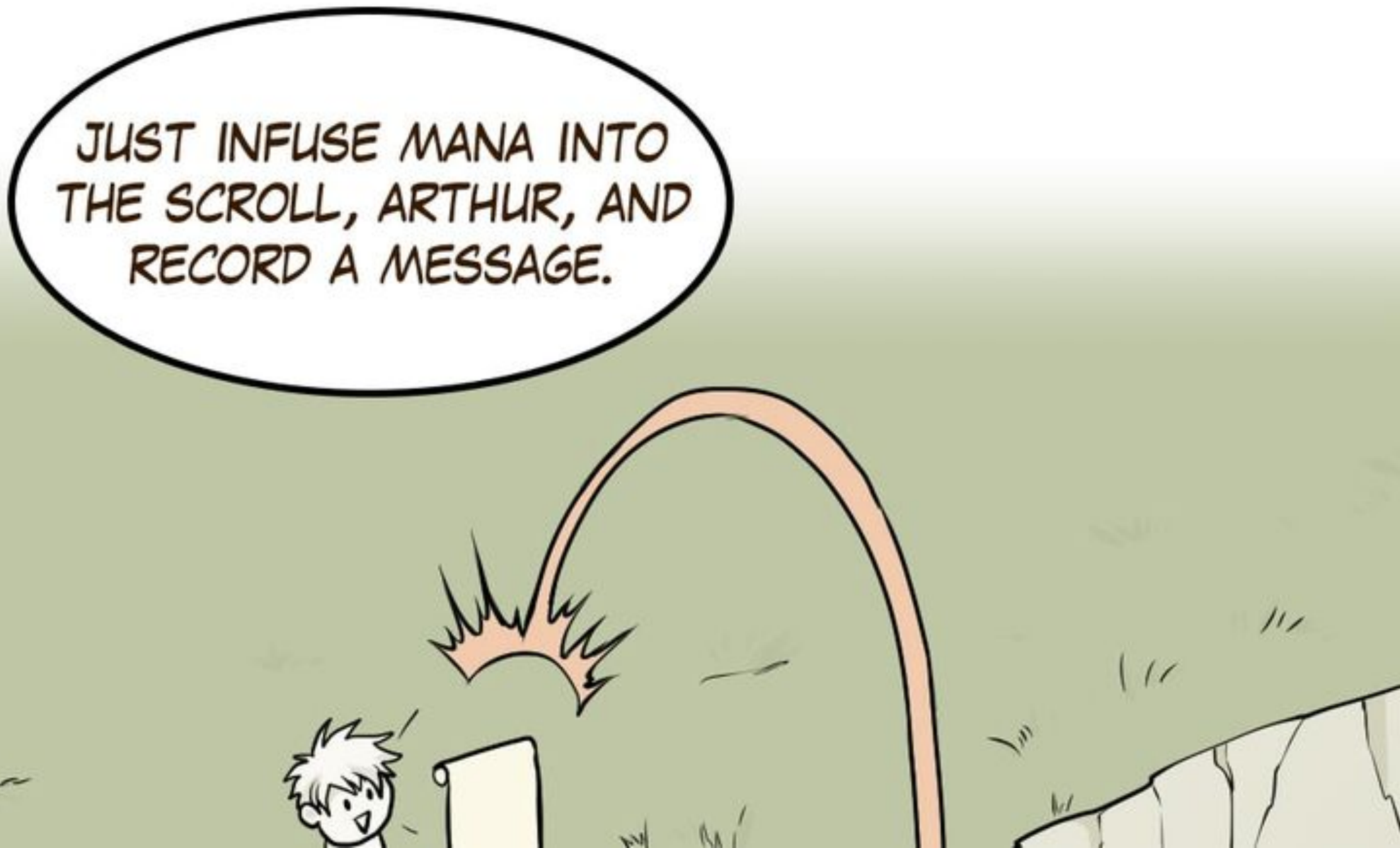
THOSE ARE SOUND TRANSMISSION SCROLLS. I'M NOT GOING TO ELABORATE ON HOW EXPENSIVE THEY WERE,

BECAUSE
THEY WERE EXTREMELY
EXPEN--

WHACK!

GAH!

ANYWAY, WITH THIS,
YOU NOW HAVE A ONE-TIME SOURCE
OF COMMUNICATION THAT I THINK
PAIRS QUITE NICELY WITH
YOUR NEW RINGS.


JUST INFUSE MANA INTO THE SCROLL, ARTHUR, AND RECORD A MESSAGE.

ONCE MAMA LEYWIN GETS THE MESSAGE, SHE CAN REPLY ONCE,

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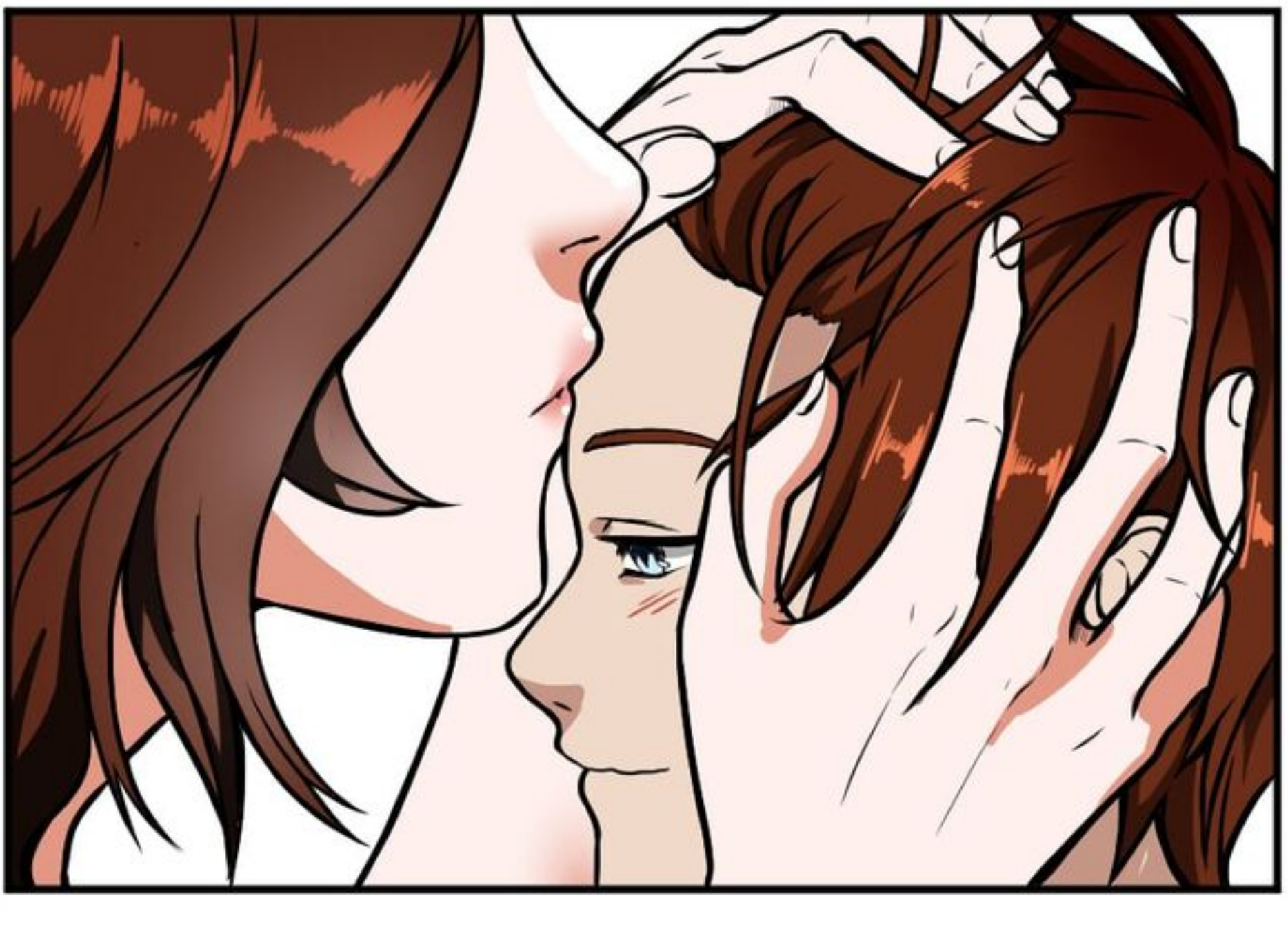
AND AFTER CONFIRMING
THAT MESSAGE HAS BEEN RELAYED
BACK TO ARTHUR, THE TWO
SCROLLS WILL TURN
INTO ASHES.

MUCH SHOWMANSHIP, SUCH WOW.

TOMORROW IS THE BIG DAY, SON. ARE YOU EXCITED?

PROMISE TO BE SAFE.
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT RANK
YOU BECOME OR HOW RICH YOU'RE
ABLE TO GET...



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STAY SAFE

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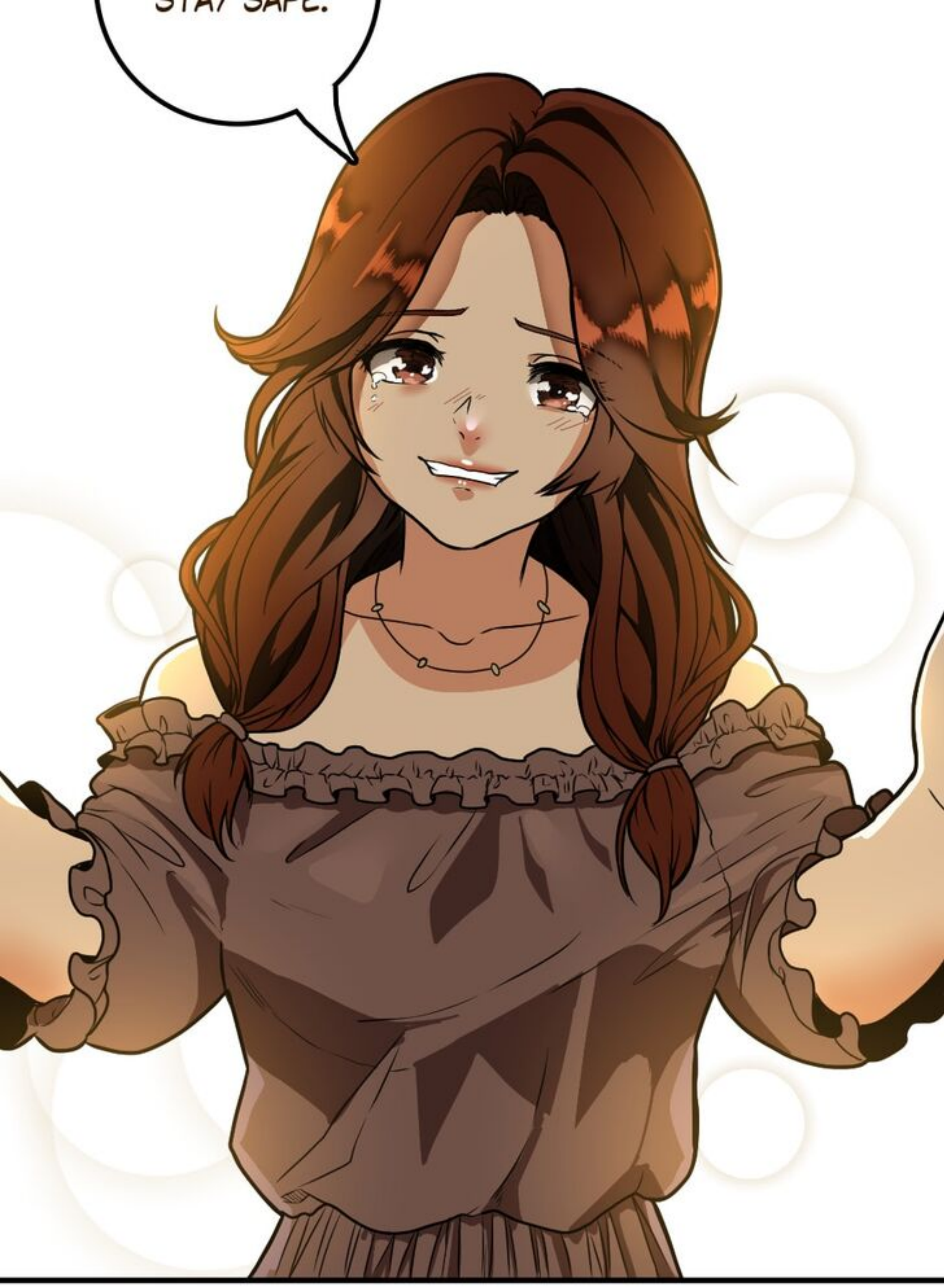
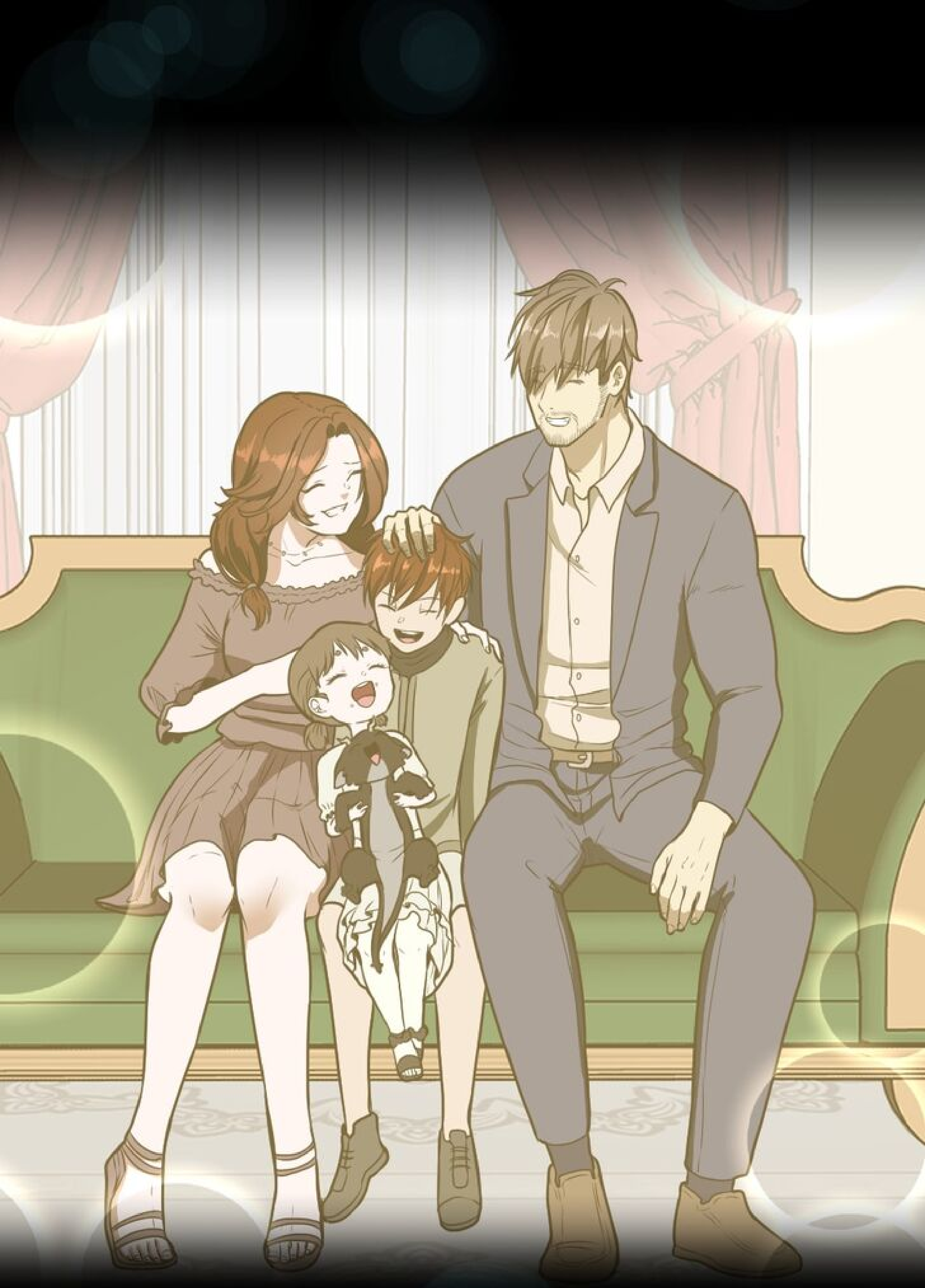


OF COURSE, MOM, DAD.
AND I'LL COME BACK HOME EVERY CHANCE I GET.

I'D FELT IT FOR A WHILE NOW, BUT AS I DRIFTED TO SLEEP, I REALLY KNEW IT.

I HAD A FAMILY NOW.
I HAD PEOPLE WHO LOVED ME. IT WAS A FEELING I NEVER WANTED TO GIVE UP.



I'D TREASURE IT,

FIGHT FOR IT IF I HAD TO...
AND FOR THAT, I NEEDED TO
BETTER MYSELF.

MORE SO EVEN THAN
WHEN I HAD BEEN A KING.

KEEP UP WITH US CREATORS
ON INSTAGRAM!
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